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FOR AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE HOUPHOUET VISIT TO THE US

REF: A) ABIDJAN 8245, B) ABIDJAN 3329

1. AS FAR AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S  
JULY MEETING IN GENEVA WITH PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY  
DID NOT INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF THE LATTER'S TRAVEL TO  
THE UNITED STATES. WE RECOGNIZE HOUPHOUET'S  
DESIRE TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES, BUT ASSUME HE WOULD  
NOT DO SO UNLESS A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER WERE  
ASSURED BEFOREHAND.

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2. YOU SHOULD NOT RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY  
HOUPHOUET TO THE US AT THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.  
HOWEVER, IF THE SUBJECT IS RAISED, YOU SHOULD SAY:

A) WE BELIEVE HE WOULD MAKE A SIGNAL CONTRIBUTION TO  
THE GENERAL DEBATE.

B) AS FAR AS THE POSSIBILITY OF A BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE HEAD OF THE US DELEGATION IS CONCERNED, WE SHALL SEEK TO MAKE MUTUALLY CONVENIENT ARRANGEMENTS AS SOON AS WE KNOW HOUPHOUET'S PLANS.

3. FYI: THE SECRETARY HAS AGREED TO A SERIES OF BILATERALS DURING THE TIME HE WILL BE IN NEW YORK, PROBABLY FROM SEPTEMBER 22 TO OCTOBER 6. THE IVORY COAST IS NOT RPT NOT NOW ON THE SECRETARY'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE, ALTHOUGH IF HOUPHOUET DECIDED TO COME TO NEW YORK DURING THIS PERIOD, THE CHANCES ARE VERY GOOD THAT A MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED. THE SECRETARY WILL SEE THE IVORIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT THE LUNCH HE WILL GIVE FOR THE OAU ON OCTOBER 3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE WILL SEE THE IVORIANS FOR A DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL ISSUES. END FYI.

4. IF THE IVORIANS ASK IF A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE POSSIBLE, YOU SHOULD SAY THE PRESIDENT DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTEND THE GA, OR TO BE IN NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE GA.

5. IF YOU ARE ASKED ABOUT A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON YOU SHOULD REPLY THAT:

-- THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE AT THIS TIME OF YEAR IS EXTREMELY FULL WITH COMMITMENTS MADE WELL IN ADVANCE.  
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-- THE ONLY HEAD OF STATE THE PRESIDENT HAS AGREED TO SEE IN WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS SUDANESE PRESIDENT NIMEIRY, IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESENT HEAD OF THE OAU. IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ADD TO THIS.

IF THE IVORIANS PRESS FOR A VISIT TO WASHINGTON YOU SHOULD SAY:

-- WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE INDICATION OF THE DATES WHEN PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET MIGHT VISIT WASHINGTON.

-- WE CAN MAKE ABSOLUTELY NO COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME REGARDING THOSE WHOM HOUPHOUET MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE IN WASHINGTON.

6. IF YOU RECEIVE INDICATIONS THAT PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET DOES PLAN TO ATTEND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ESTIMATE OF THE DATES AND WHETHER HE MIGHT VISIT WASHINGTON.

7. FYI: THE SCHEDULE OF OFFICIAL VISITS OF FOREIGN  
HEADS OF STATE TO THE US FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1978  
HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY THE WHITE HOUSE. END FYI.

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